

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION
NO. 5:13-CR-75-2-BR

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 v.) ORDER
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 AMADOU BALDE)

This matter is before the court on defendant's letter dated 14 November 2013. (DE # 98.)

Defendant states, “I request a ‘new trial’ due to the jury not hearing my ‘own’ testimony because my attorney: Ms. Jennifer H. Rose . . ., denied me my constitutional right to testify on my ‘own’ behalf.” (Id. at 1-2.) Defendant further provides, “[M]y defense was not presented due to my defense attorney disallowing me to testify as a witness for myself.” (Id. at 2.) The court construes this letter as a motion for a new trial and sets an evidentiary hearing on this limited issue for 2 December 2013. New counsel is hereby APPOINTED to represent defendant for the limited purpose of this motion and hearing. Ms. Rose is hereby DIRECTED to attend the 2 December 2013 evidentiary hearing. Any party desiring to file any materials relevant to said hearing shall do so on or before noon, 27 November 2013. Sentencing is CONTINUED to 4 February 2014.

This 20 November 2013.

W. Earl Britt
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Senior U.S. District Judge